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Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Improving Communications Services for Native Nations*, CG Docket No. 11-41,  
Notice of Inquiry, FCC 11-30

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation requests a 30-day extension of time in which to submit comments and reply comments in response to the *Native Nations Notice of Inquiry* adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on March 3, 2011 (*Improving Communications Services for Native Nations*, CG Docket No. 11-41, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 11-30 (*Native Nations NOI*)). We believe this extension is warranted and will serve the public interest for two reasons.

First, the *Native Nations NOI* raises many issues of intense interest and importance to the Colville Tribes, as well as Tribal Nations throughout the country, and the additional time will allow our Tribal government to develop a more robust record and more detailed comments in response to the *NOI*. Second, the first meeting of the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force – of which one of our Tribal Council members, the Honorable Susie Allen, is a member – will be held in Washington, DC on May 24th and 25th, several days after initial comments are currently due to be submitted. This meeting will bring together the Native Nation members and the FCC members of the Task Force to discuss the many communication issues facing Native Nations. Councilmember Allen and other Task Force members intend to use this opportunity to address specifically the issues raised in the *Native Nations NOI*. An extension will allow this government-to-government consultation dialogue to become part of the primary comment period record.

Thank you for consideration of this request from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Sincerely,

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